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SUBJECT: THE MONTH IN KIVU

1. AUGUST WAS A VERY QUIET MONTH, WITH MANY OF BUKAVU'S LEADING CITIZENS ABSENT ON HOLIDAY OR BUSINESS. THE REGIONAL NEWSPAPER DID NOT PUBLISH FOR LACK OF NEWSPRINT AND THE VOIX DU ZAIRE RADIO STATION OPERATED ONLY SPORADICALLY DUE TO TECHNICAL PROBLEMS, SO NEWS FROM OUTSIDE WAS SCANTY. ALTHOUGH THE MONTH SAW SOME DRAMATIC IMPROVEMENTS IN ZAIRE'S RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA, LOCAL CONVERSATION FOCUSED MORE ON LOCAL PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY ON THE CHOLERA EQUIDEMIC WHICH SPREAD TO THE NORTHERN END OF LAKE KIVU AND ON PROBLEMS OF AIR TRANSPORT. AIR TRAVEL BY STUDENTS AND VACATIONERS IS VERY HEAVY IN EARLY AUGUST, A FACT WHICH MULTIPLIED THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY AIR ZAIRE'S USUAL DEFICIENCY OF PLANES AND FUEL. AS A RESULT AIR PASSENGER AND CARGO SERVICE WAS VIRTUALLY PARALYZED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

2. GASOLINE CONTINUED TO BE MORE AVAILABLE THAN USUAL, DUE
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LARGELY TO AN ABUNDANCE OF FUEL IN NEIGHTBORING CYANGUGU, RWANDA. THE BLACK-MARKET PRICE FOR GASOLINE WAS AROUND 35 ZAIRES FOR A 20-LITER JERRYCAN (ABOUT \$8 A GALLON), A DROP OF MORE THAN HALF FROM THE PEAK OF JANUARY-FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.
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